

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Georgia DOT Announces Proposed Construction Activities On I-75

TIFTON - Contractors for the Georgia Department of Transportation will perform major reconstruction of Interstate 75 at different locations between Exit 37(Adel/Old Quitman Road) and the Crisp/Dooly County Line. To ensure motorist and contractor safety, this work will warrant lane closures and traffic shifts along this section of I-75, which could cause short delays. However, there will be no lane closures from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The DOT reports the following construction activities are tentatively planned for the period of February 27, 2009 through March 6, 2009:

COOK/TIFT: Contractors will have various construction activities between Exits 37 and 59.

COOK: Contractors shifted southbound traffic onto newly constructed pavement, north of Exit 49. This

traffic shift will continue to Exit 37. The Southbound I-75 Rest Area #6 at milepost 48 has

been reopened.

TURNER: Contractors have various construction lane closures planned beginning at milepost 78 to

milepost 84.

CRISP: Contractors have various construction activities which could include lane closures from

Exit 99/SR 300 to the Dooly County Line. Southbound I-75 traffic has been shifted onto the relocated lanes of Interstate 75 between Exits 99 and 104. This project requires much of the southbound shoulder to be temporarily closed with barrier walls. Emergency pull-offs will be provided at various locations throughout the southbound lanes between milepost 98 and the

Crisp\Dooly County line to create areas to pull over in an emergency situation.

The DOT notes that the above construction schedules are proposed activities planned by the contractors and may change due to weather conditions or other factors.

As in any work zone, motorists should pay special attention to traffic control devices, signs and posted speed limits to ensure safe passage through the work zone. Motorists also should double your usual following distance; get into the correct lane well in-advance; pay close attention to construction equipment; and be aware of your surroundings.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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